

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0091] A method and expandable device for thermally affecting tissue in which there is a fluid conduit. The device including a housing having a first end region and a second end region, the second end region containing a fluid inlet and a fluid outlet, the housing being securable to a boney structure of the patient. An expandable element, including a wall defining an inner volume and a tissue contacting surface, is coupled to the housing first end region such that the inner volume is in fluid communication with the fluid inlet and the fluid outlet.

5179